

THERE will be no increase in gate charges for season tickets at Wycombe Wanderers this season, treasurer Roger Lee announced this week.

Last year, prices were put up from £2.75 to £4 for a season ticket and from 20p to 25p for Isthmian League games and friendlies. The move to increase charges was in anticipation of V.A.T.

There will be no extra revenue from the gates, therefore but Wanderers will be hoping to pull in the crowds on their playing ability next term. The added attraction of the Rothmans Sponsorship scheme could also bring better crowds.

Those wishing to re-new their membership or obtain season tickets can either send a cheque through the post to Roger Lee at "Amberwood," Bryants Bottom, Great Missenden, or see him at the ground on the following dates.

Sunday, July 29 between 10.30 and 12 noon. Wednesday, August 1 between 7.30-9.30 p.m., or Sunday, August 5 between 10.30 and noon.

Wycombe have arranged three friendlies before they start their league campaign on August 18. On Tuesday, August 7, they are at home to Atherstone who won promotion from Division One to the Premier Division in the Southern League last season.

The next match is a North v South battle on Saturday, August 11, when the Blues take on North Shields — a club that possess some of the best amateur facilities in the North. Many will remember Shields best for their 2-1 Amateur Cup win over Sutton United a few years back.

Perhaps the most attractive of the pre-season warm-ups will be the visit of Oxford United on Monday, August 13. United, managed by Gerry Summers who was most impressive in the game against the International Club at Loakes Park last season, are hoping to bring their full strength side.

SIX NEW FACES AT WYCOMBE

PHIL WOOD and Roger Grant, two of Enfield's most consistent performers last season, are included in a Wycombe Wanderers squad of 16 for tonight's (Tuesday) pre-season friendly against Atherstone.

As well as the Enfield pair, there are six newcomers who were training with the Blues at Bisham Abbey last month. They are Graham Mackenzie, Neil Brothers, Dave Woodbridge, Steve Perrin, Ray Brandon and Peter McGillicuddy.

Wanderers fans will remember Phil Wood from last year. He trained with Wycombe and played in some of the friendlies but then decided to join Enfield. Roger Grant went on tour to Yugoslavia with the Blues in May.

Graham Mackenzie is a youngster from Wellesbourne School who plays in midfield. Only 17, he was recommended to the club by former Wanderers and Reading goalkeeper John Pratt, and played in the Wycombe Sunday Combination, Premier Division with Lawood Athletic last year.

Brothers was with St. Albans last term while Dave Woodbridge is a product of local football. He helped Wycombe League side Wycombe United to win the Premier 'B' title last term.

Steve Perrin also went on tour with the club to Yugoslavia. A strong front-runner, he has played for Borough Road

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College and could make quite an impact if he decides to stay with Wycombe. Ray Brandon was with Southern Leaguers Hillingdon Borough last year.

Peter McGillicuddy, the former St. Albans and Ilford player, has been training but misses tonight's game as he is on holiday.

All but four of last season's squad have been at the training sessions. The four absentees are John Delaney (now with Bournemouth), Alan Gane (now with Brentford), Brian Langfield and Paul Birdseye.

Langfield has not been seen at the club at all so far while Paul Birdseye, married last week, has apparently taken over as player-manager with Hellenic League, Premier Division club Hungerford. Paul recently moved to Newbury and felt the travelling to Wycombe would be too much.

All the other regulars from last season — Larry Pritchard,

Dave Bullock, John Maskell, Ian Rundle, Tony Horseman, Derek Gamblin, Mick Holfield, Keith Searle, Kenny Swain and Rob Williams have all been training.

Wanderers first competitive match was on Saturday when they beat an Algerian Airways side 5-1 behind closed doors. Keith Searle, it seems, has lost none of his great form, scoring three goals. Perrin and Woodbridge scored the others. One casualty in a rather stormy game was Ian Rundle who needed five stitches in a cut eye.

Atherstone, of the Southern League, should provide sterner opposition tonight. They enjoyed a highly successful league campaign last term, jumping from Division One into the Premier.